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SUBJECT: SSOD PREPCOM V: FINAL PLENARY MEETING APRIL 21

1. IN FINAL PLENARY MEETING NIGERIAN AND BELGIAN  
REPS INTRODUCED COMPROMISE LANGUAGE INVITING DIRECTOR  
GENERAL TO MAKE STATEMENT TO ASSEMBLY AT SSOD. BOTH  
REPS CLEARLY STATED THAT INVITATION WAS NOT REPEAT NOT  
TO SPEAK IN GENERAL DEBATE, WHICH IS RESERVED FOR  
STATES MEMBERS OF UN. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION PREPCOM  
DECIDED TO RECOMMEND THAT SSOD ISSUE SUCH AN INVITATION.

2. ON RELATED ISSUE, CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT SWITZERLAND  
AND HOLY SEE WOULD RECONSIDER THEY REQUESTS TO SPEAK IN  
GENERAL DEBATE. THEIR DECISION, HE SAID, WAS BASED ON  
THE BRIEF DEBATE AT THE PRECEDING MEETING AND ON  
CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS.

3. CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION AT OUTCOME OF  
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BOTH MATTERS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IN HIS VIEW, BOTH  
SWITZERLAND AND THE HOLY SEE COULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL  
CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE SSOD. USDEL BELIEVES  
THAT QUESTION OF SWISS AND HOLY SEE PARTICIPATON WILL  
BE RAISED AGAIN AT SSOD.

4. CHAIRMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT IN PREVIOUS DAY'S

INFORMAL SESSION HE HAD WITHDRAWN HIS DRAFT "INTRODUCTION" TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT. HE NOTED THAT IT HAD MET WITH CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT, BUT THAT SINCE CONSENSUS COULD NOT BE REACHED ON ITS ADOPTION HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO WITHDRAW THE TEXT, INDICATING THAT SSOD WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER A NEW INTRODUCTION. SEVERAL DELS TOOK FLOOR TO SUPPORT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE CHAIRMAN'S PAPER. MEXICO AND SWEDEN THEN REINTRODUCED THE TEXT AS THEIR OWN SUGGESTED TEXT FOR THE INTRODUCTION. IT WILL THEREFORE BE CONSIDERED, ALONG WITH REST OF FINAL DOCUMENT, BY SSOD.

5. CHAIRMAN THEN INFORMED COMMITTEE THAT SOME DELS HAD SUGGESTED THAT "RESTRICTED" SUMMARY RECORDS OF "INFORMAL" MEETINGS OF PREPCOM BE DE-RESTRICTED, IN ORDER TO ALLOW THEIR PUBLICATION ALONG WITH REST OF ANNEXES TO FINAL REPORT OF PREPCOM TO SSOD. AUSTRALIA AND INDIA NOTED THAT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INFORMAL MEETINGS INCLUDED THEIR CLOSED NATURE IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE FRANK AND INFORMAL EXCHANGES. THUS, THEY ARGUED, DE-RESTRICTION WOULD IN PRINCIPLE POSE DIFFICULTIES FOR ALL DELEGATIONS. CHAIR THEREFORE ANNOUNCED THAT SINCE CONSENSUS WAS NOT POSSIBLE THE DECISION WOULD BE NOT TO MAKE SUMMARY RECORDS IN INFORMAL MEETINGS PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

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6. COMMITTEE THEN PROCEEDED TO SECOND AND FINAL READING OF FINAL REPORT OF PREPCOM. BELGIAN REP COMMENTED ON PARA 48, IN WHICH PREPCOM "DECIDED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE FINAL DOCUMENT BE ADOPTED BY THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD BE A SINGLE DOCUMENT CONSISTING OF FOUR SECTIONS, NAMELY: (A) INTRODUCTION; (B) DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT; (C) PROGRAM OF ACTION; AND (D) MACHINERY FOR DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS". HE SAID HE WISHED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WHILE PREPCOM HAS WORKED ON BASIS OF A SINGLE DOCUMENT, BRINGING TOGETHER FOUR SECTIONS, IT IMPLIED THAT AGREEMENT WAS TO BE REACHED ON A SINGLE TEXT. WORK TO DATE HAD BEEN ON CONSENSUS, BUT, IF THAT CONSENSUS SHOULD BREAK DOWN ON CERTAIN PARTS, HE SAID, IT WOULD BE REGRETTABLE IF CERTAIN COUNTRIES COULD NOT ACCEPT ALL FOUR PARTS AND WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO REJECT ENTIRE DOCUMENT. (POINT OF BELGIAN INTERVENTION WAS TO LEAVE OPEN POSSIBILITY OF VOTING FOR THE DECLARATION IF AS THEY EXPECT AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED ON PROGRAM OF ACTION.)

7. THE DRAFT TEXT OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT WAS THEN PRESENTED BY THE RAPPORTEUR. AFTER SEVERAL INTERVENTIONS

TO CORRECT SMALL EDITORIAL ERRORS, IT WAS APPROVED.  
COMMITTEE THEN TOOK DECISION TO ADOPT FINAL REPORT OF  
PREPCOM INCLUDING THE DRAFT FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE SPECIAL  
SESSION. COPIES OF TEXT OF FINAL REPORT CONSIDERED AT  
TODAY'S MEETING WILL BE HAND-CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY  
DEL MEMBERS. OFFICIAL TEXT OF FINAL REPORT WILL BE  
POUCHED TO WASHINGTON WHEN RECEIVED FROM SECRETARIAT.

8. INDIAN REP (VELLODI) TOOK FLOOR AND INDICATED THAT  
SINCE SO MANY SECTIONS OF FINAL DOCUMENT REFLECTED

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DIFFERENCES OF OPINION HE HOPED REPRESENTATIVES  
COULD GET TOGETHER FOR PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS ONE TO TWO  
WEEKS BEFORE SSOD. HE RECOGNIZED THAT NO FURTHER ALTERA-  
TIONS COULD BE MADE TO BRACKETED TEXT JUST APPROVED, BUT  
SAID THAT WORK COULD PROCEED ON ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE  
TEXTS TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME DURING  
SSOD. CHAIRMAN SAID INDIAN INTERVENTION WAS DESIRABLE  
AND ENCOURAGING INDIAN INITIATIVE.

9. IN HIS FINAL STATEMENT CHAIRMAN SAID PREPCOM HAD  
ACCOMPLISHED ITS TASKS. HE HAD REASON TO BE SATISFIED  
THAT ALL DECISIONS WERE TAKEN BY CONSENSUS AND THAT  
NO EXTRANEIOUS POLITICAL MATTERS HAD BEEN INTRODUCED INTO  
DELIBERATIONS. AT SAME TIME, HE SAID, HE WOULD HAVE LIKED  
MORE PROGRESS IN DRAFTING, PARTICULARLY ON PROGRAM OF

ACTION AND MACHINERY. HE UNDERSTOOD DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED  
IN MATTERS DEALING WITH NATIONAL SECURITY, BUT  
SAID THAT WITH GOOD WILL ON ALL SIDES, STATES COULD COME  
TO FURTHER AGREEMENT IN SSOD. HE WARNED, HOWEVER,  
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THAT IF PESSIMISTS WERE RIGHT REGARDING INABILITY TO  
REACH CONSENSUS, THEN SSOD COULD PROVE TO BE A NEGATIVE  
FACTOR IN ON-GOING DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS, RATHER THAN  
A NOTEWORTHY STEP FORWARD. FOLLOWING HIS STATEMENT  
CHAIRMAN ADJOURNED MEETING.

10. AS CHAIRMAN WAS ADJOURNING MEETING, SOVDEL, WHICH  
HAD BEEN INSCRIBED BUT HAD NOT BEEN RECOGNIZED, TRIED  
TO OBTAIN THE FLOOR. CHAIRMAN HAD MISTAKENLY  
BELIEVED SOVDEL ONLY WISHED TO EXPRESS COMPLIMENTARY  
COURTESIES NORMALLY REQUIRED AT END OF MEETING. WISHING  
TO AVOID SUCH COURTESIES AT LATE HOUR, CHAIR CLOSED  
OFF DEBATE. SOVDEL (FOKIN), HOWEVER, HAD SUBSTANTIVE  
STATEMENT (FOUR AND ONE HALF PAGES) TO MAKE, AS DID  
GDR, CZECH, AND POLISH REPS. SOVDEL THEREFORE  
PROTESTED TO CHAIRMAN AFTER MEETING ADJOURNED AND WILL  
INSIST THAT THESE STATEMENTS APPEAR IN SUMMARY RECORD.

11. WRAP-UP CABLE ON PREPCOM V WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL.  
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